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day laborer was sent to a city to employ additional labor. He hired several laborers and was endeavoring to induce others to enter his service. Held, that he was not a labor agent, within Va. Code 1904, p. 2247, imposing a fine on one conducting the business of a labor agent without having first obtained a license therefor; the statute requiring a strict construction as against the state, because it imposes a tax and is intended to reach persons who for compensation conduct the business of employing laborers for others.

GLENN *v.* WEST.

Jan. 17, 1907.

[56 S. E. 143.]

Taxation—Tax Deed—Sale under Assessment to Trustee—Effect on Rights of Remaindermen.—Under Code 1887, § 465 (Va. Code 1904, p. 244), providing that all lands shall be assessed for taxation in the name of the person who has the freehold in possession, and section 661 (Va. Code 1904, p. 321), providing that the sale of delinquent lands to purchasers from the commonwealth shall not be so construed as to affect the title of the tenant in remainder to any real estate which has been sold on account of the default of the tenant for life in paying the taxes or levies assessed thereon, a deed of land sold for taxes assessed to a trustee holding land for a widow for life, with directions to convey it to her children at her death, accruing during the life of the widow, does not affect the title of the children or of those claiming under them.

[Ed. Note.—For cases in point, see Cent. Dig. vol. 45, Taxation, §§ 1463, 1531.]

SOUTHERN RY. CO. *v.* CLARK.

Jan. 31, 1907.

[56 S. E. 274.]

1. Railroads—Accident at Crossing—Evidence—Sufficiency.—In an action against a railroad company for injuries to plaintiff and his horse, received from a fall in riding across an alleged defective railroad crossing, evidence considered, and held, that the question of the defendant's negligence was for the jury.

2. Appeal—Review—Amount of Recovery—Damages.—The damages awarded to plaintiff for injuries to himself and horse from a fall while riding across an alleged defective railroad crossing, not being so great as to clearly indicate that the jury was actuated by partiality or prejudice, will not be set aside as excessive.

[Ed. Note.—For cases in point, see Cent. Dig. vol. 3, Appeal and Error, §§ 3944-3947.]